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TWO TRAVELERS

Edith Boomer

Two travelers started the other day
To climb the hills.

The one was so stalwart and strong and brave,
That the dangers encountered and battles he gave
With the Sword and Shield of the "Mighty
to Save,"

Sped him on to the top of the arduous way,
Where bide no ills.

The other was fully as hearty and hale
To fight and win,

But every step was o'er fraught with fears,
And the eyes of the climber were dimmed by
the tears,

Of a coward, at the sight of the enemy's spears,
For no weapon he had, no unpiercable mail
To hide him in.

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And without the support of a Friend,
We can never be victors in work or in play,
And gaze down from the heights in the end.

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SEPTEMBER 9

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EXPECTATION and the faint outlines of curiosity were written upon the face of everyone present; for there is not a villager or friend whose interest in Forest Home is not quickened by the prospect of the return of students and teachers at the beginning of each school year. As we all united in singing the opening song we felt that God was indeed with his work here in allowing the pursuance of another winter's studies to be started. The prayer that Professor Baber offered betokened a consecration that would not wane during the year.

Altho there was gladness in every heart this morning, yet the ringing of the bell undoubtedly awoke in some all the half-forgotten fascinations of going to school. Evidently Professor Rees was also lonesome to be back in the schoolroom: the duties and rewards, the criticisms and pleasures of a teacher's life appeal the more strongly when the privilege is denied. Perhaps the subject was not altogether cheerful, for Professor Rees soon proceeded to introduce the new teachers, Professor Baber, the principal, and Mr. Nelson, the preceptor. He said the features of the principal boded no good to transgressors of school regulations, but the countenance might be

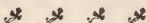
transformed into the very image of approbation when the earnestness of students required encouragement. On the whole we were fully persuaded that the faculty is excellent.

Professor Baber then arose to apologise somewhat for the introduction given him. His heavy eyebrows did indeed pucker threateningly when he spoke of the possible need to administer justice; and as he expounded in unmistakeably simple English, "If I am at the head, I want to be the head," the hearts of any planning insurrections must have suddenly become afflicted with palpitation. The character of an experienced man can usually be determined by the way in which he speaks and the language he uses; and we immediately decided that Professor Baber was not to be interfered with in the jurisdiction of the school.

The other members of the faculty also told of their wishes and plans. The brevity of Mr. Nelson's talk did not show, however, that he lacks interest in the school, but that his enthusiasm is of a different nature---that of action rather than speechmaking. Miss Bell's remarks were followed by the desire expressed by Miss Moore that Forest Home should be entirely Christian in its character, and Miss Lofgren wished to become more efficient in her work in the Primary Department.

After this the exercises were thrown open to members of the board, patrons of the school, and finally to the students, that all who desired might speak of their

interest in the Academy. From the response that came we were justified in believing that there will be no unwillingness or hesitancy in adopting and carrying forward any enterprise that God is assuredly prompting.



PROFESSOR BABER

Edna Hollenbeck

IN the year 1852 when the bright rays of the sun were warming the earth and bidding all nature to awaken from its slumbers, there was cause for much rejoicing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Powhatan Baber, who lived on a farm not far from Redsulphur Springs, Virginia; for it was then that a little bright-eyed boy first opened his eyes to this big wide world of ours.

This little boy grew rapidly and soon he could be seen each morning wending his way down to an old log schoolhouse called "Pleasant Flat," and it was there that he sat day after day on the crudest kind of log seats. When tired of studying he would amuse himself by catching flies and chewing wintergreen, commonly known to the school children as "Mountian Tea."

When out of school he was a lively lad and enjoyed his life on the farm, spending much time riding horse back, and especially did he delight in breaking colts.

He remained in Redsulphur Springs until he was nineteen years of age when he went into Kansas, or the Wild West, as he called it; he stayed here only a short

time, however, and then returned to his home town where he taught public school for one term. He then went to Ohio where he took a course in telegraphy and penmanship and soon became an employe of the railway.

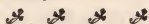
In 1882 he was married to Miss Ella Crow of Illinois and they together started off to South Dakota where they took a claim; but this he soon sold and went into the railroad service again.

While an employe of the railway he was unable to keep the Sabbath so his father-in-law persuaded him to take charge of his store, and while employed at this he was also engaged in conference work.

In the year 1891 he and his family decided to go to Battle Creek where he and his son entered the same school. In speaking of his school life there he says he was a school "man," and we are glad to know that he is still a school man. After taking a four years' course here he and his family were called upon to go to Chile as missionaries and open the work there. His knowledge of Spanish which he acquired while at Battle Creek he quickly put to use by translating the "Signs of the times" (*Senales de los Tiempos*) into Spanish. Like most missionaries he passed through many difficult as well as pleasant experiences, and after seven years of faithful work there he came back and connected with the Southern Training School at Graysville, Tenn. Later he taught for one and one-half years in the Oakwood School in Huntsville, Ala. Then after spending

one year in Louisville, Kentucky, he returned to the Southern Training School where he was preceptor and teacher for six years with the added responsibility of business manager for the last two years.

When Forest Home was in need of a Principal and business manager, Professor Baber was at once asked to come and fill this vacancy which he finally decided to do. Altho Professor Baber has been with us but a short time as yet, we are all very much pleased with our new professor and feel assured that his work here is going to be a success in every way.



THOTS OF A FRIEND

WILLIAM MCMORAN was born in Ireland on Dec. 25, 1839. When he was about four years old his parents came, with him, to the United States and made their home in Rochester, New York, for about two years; then removed to Imly City, La Peer County, Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his boyhood days.

It was at this place in the year 1863 that he was united in marriage to Margaret Dixon. To this union were born seven children, five boys and two girls.

In 1871 he removed, with his family, to Osborne County, Kansas, where he resided for twenty-nine years.

While living here he received the light of Present Truth and became an earnest Christian, working faith-

fully in the church and community for the salvation of souls.

Early in the spring of 1896 he was bereaved of his companion, but in the autumn of 1897 was again united in marriage to Anna Evilsisor, who still survives him.

In 1900 they removed to Alba, Oklahoma. After five years' residence in this place he decided to come to Washington, thinking the change might be beneficial to his health, which had failed in recent years.

The last eight years of his life have been spent on his farm three and one-half miles west of Mt. Vernon.

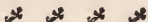
He died Thursday morning, September tenth, of cancer of the stomach, after a painful illness of nine weeks.

He leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters, one of whom is a faithful missionary in India, to mourn his loss. While these dear ones will feel the loss most keenly his many friends join with them in their grief.

During the few years that he has been at Mt. Vernon, he has been very closely connected with the Academy and its work, giving much of his time, and especially of his means, for the welfare of the school. Whenever help was needed, he was always the first to respond, and thus became very dear to the school and its students.

He was loved as a friend, as a neighbor and as an acquaintance, and by his helpful life and noble Christian character he has endeared himself to all who knew him.

He consecrated his life, his time and means to the cause of the Master, whom he so dearly loved to serve, and he sleeps soon to awake in His likeness.



THE STAFF

Ralph Conard

ANOTHER vacation season is past and again we find ourselves face to face with the stern realities as well as the little pleasantries of school life. We have appreciated the summer hours and yet are not loath to exchange for hours of study and school recreation.

Among the pleasantries at Forest Home and almost inseparably connected with the Academy life is The Forestonian. Indeed it was a happy thot that gave to us this little sheet and by unanimous voice it will continue for another year, under the supervision of a competent staff, to cheer the hearts of students and friends.

Inasmuch as The Forestonian fills so prominent a part in the life at the Academy it seems fitting that thus early in the year we should catch a glimpse, in a biographic way, of the personel and individuality of the in-coming staff.

From the student body the following names were chosen as those well fitted to bear the responsibility of our school paper.

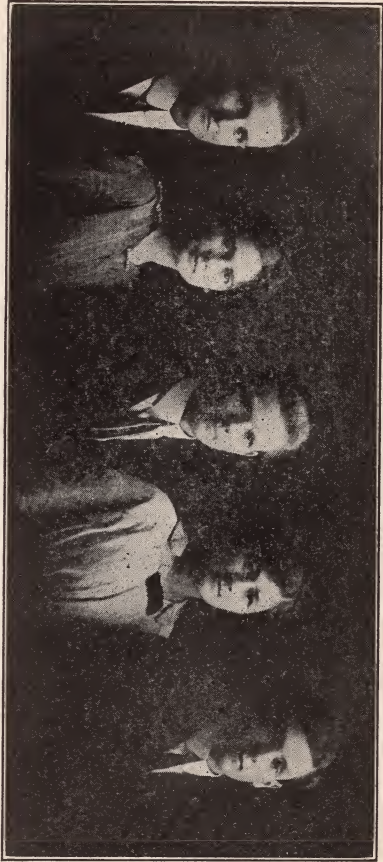
Mr Ed. F. Degering, after twenty years spent in various places and under varying circumstances, has

attained to the honor of Editor to The Forestonian. For a number of years after his birth, his residence was on a grain ranch in the Sunflower State, after which he, in company with his parents, moved to Colby, Washington. In 1909 he came to Forest Home Academy, and since then has been more or less closely associated with the Academy, and during the year 1912-1913 was a member of The Forestonian staff. His efforts for the present year to produce a successful journal will be seconded by the Associate Editors, Miss Regenia Kearns and Miss Lillie Shafer.

Miss Kearns began first to attract attention in June 1894, in the vicinity of Colby, Washington, where she lived for a short time, moving from there to Lowell, Washington, and later to a farm near English.

She entered school at the age of six and taking kindly to her studies, soon completed the first eight grades. After which followed three years on the ranch, spent for the most part out of doors. The fall of 1912 found her at Forest Home Academy where studious habits and a pleasing disposition have won for her the present position with The Forestonian.

Her co-worker, Miss Lillie Shafer, comes to us from Western Kansas. Her school life began in 1902 at the age of eight years in a country school near Burdett. Six years later her parents removed to a farm in the vicinity of Wichita, where she finished the eighth grade. She was not again permitted to attend school.
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The Staff

From left to right: Jess. Degering, Regenia Kearn, Ed. Degering, Lillie Shafer,
Virgil Becraft.

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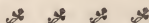
Managers

Entered as second-class matter December 10, 1912, at the post office at Mount Vernon Wash., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

The Forestonian has become a reality, a real magazine conveying words of cheer and comfort from friends to friends long parted; and as the present number goes hither and thither to those who have spent many a bright and prosperous day in the class rooms of dear old Forest Home, as it brings back visions almost dimmed, yet not too faint to recall, that have long been stamped on memory's wall, we feel that it will receive a hearty reception.

We are sure that The Forestonian has many warm friends, and we believe that it will keep them.

Being the first number of the school year we have been somewhat rushed in getting it out, yet we believe that it has not fallen below the standard, and hope that in each succeeding number may be seen marks of improvement and progress.



SINCERITY

We have become weary, tired, and faint; yes and even disgusted from hearing the old harping that "It

matters not what you believe, if you are only honest and sincere."

Were sincerity sufficient God would not have driven Adam and Eve from the beautiful garden. He loved them exceedingly, yet they had forfeited their right, they had sold their lives, God's command, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," must now be fulfilled by the transgressor.

His commands remain unchanged. "The same yesterday, today, and forever." His requirements must be fulfilled or the price must be paid.

If frail humanity were to parley with God, if sincerity were sufficient, if it were possible for honesty to atone, it would not have been necessary for God to offer up His only begotten Son. Had it made no difference, the cup of agony would have been allowed to pass from Christ at the crucifixion.

However, it was necessary that it be so. The command of the Lord had to be fulfilled, the price had to be paid, or humanity destroyed forever.

The standard of God is fixed. The same law, "The Ten Commandments," remains unchanged, and by it will we be answerable for our deeds. Our honesty and sincerity in the wrong will avail us naught.

Yet how many seem willing to trust to chance. What a vast throng will present themselves with Honesty on the one side and Sincerity on the other, begging entrance for them at the pearly gate.

What ignorance, what presumption to think that frail sincerity might atone for sin.

THE STAFF---Continued from page 8.

until her arrival at Forest Home Academy one year ago. Her associations at the Academy have been both pleasant and profitable and she is welcomed to The Forestonian staff as one who will help to uphold a high standard in its pages.

The financial and general business affairs of the paper are in charge of Mr. Virgil Becraft and Mr. Jess. Degering, the former having held a similar position with the paper last year. He was born at Wilkeson, Washington, in 1897, spent the greater part of his childhood in the Mt. Vernon country, and came first to Forest Home Academy in 1905, attending two years, and returned again in 1911. His previous experience will lend influence to his efforts in behalf of The Forestonian.

Mr. Jess. Degering has followed quite closely the travels of his brother Ed., coming originally from Dodge City, Kansas. His schooling began at the age of six in a country school, and his childhood was full of the sports which abound on the prairies. He was an industrious chap, helping as best he could with the ranch work. This industry he brought with him to Forest Home in 1909, and we are pleased to see that its effect is already being felt in our pages.

In behalf of The Forestonian and its staff we bespeak the hearty co-operation and kindly aid of its wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

A PRAYER

In grief and sorrow, blessed Lord,
We come for help and peace;
O, now reveal thy precious Word,
And bid our doubting cease.

We pray Thee, cleanse our hearts from sin,
And purify all dross;
Come Thou, and reign supreme within.
Help us uplift the cross!

O, keep us from temptation's power,
And save us by Thy grace;
Help us to serve Thee hour by hour,
Then see Thee face to face.

---Eva M. Davis

Academy Brevities

Mrs. Scott, from Seattle, spent Sunday, the 13th, at the Academy visiting with her daughter Viola.

A gentle, refreshing rain greeted the students on their arrival at the school. It seems that we are now getting the portion of rain that was lacking this summer.

There is no doubt but that Professor Nelson has the pleasure of teaching the largest Algebra class that has ever been taught at the Academy. The class has an enrollment of 25.

We were somewhat surprised when Miss Heywood returned to the Academy, as she had intended spending this winter at Walla Walla College. It seems that Forest Home is very magnetic.

The first students' meeting of the year was held Friday evening, September 11, in the assembly room. Most of the students were present, and it was indeed encouraging to note the spirituality manifested.

We are glad to welcome the new students and teachers, and the few old ones who have returned. It seems that some are inclined to be a little homesick already, but we feel sure that this will soon wear off as it usually does at Forest Home.

A reception was given in the dining room on the evening of the thirteenth. A program, rendered by the students and teachers, made the evening pass very pleasantly. Probably the most interesting number rendered was the piano solo by Professor Nelson.

Miss Mae Bell, of Auburn, has been spending a few days at the Academy visiting her sister, Miss Katie Bell.

A general cleaning up, and many minor improvements, have so far occupied the principal part of the students and faculty.

The heating plant has been giving considerable trouble of late, but it is hoped that before long it will be in good condition.

At the Young Peoples Meeting of the twentieth, fifteen enrolled for the reading course. This is considerably more than has enrolled any year previous.

Altho the attendance is not as large as usual, we expect to have a good solid term. The tendency this year seems to be toward too much study, instead of not enough.

All were glad to see the Literary Society organized again. Not only because it furnishes entertainment for us, but it has also a beneficial side as well. Literaries can and should be educational as well as entertaining. During the past few years the Literary Society has rendered many very educational programs, and we are expecting more this year than usual.

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